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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

UNITED STATES AND MEXICO.

WASHINGTON, January 28.

Mr. Fletcher, the United States Ambassador to Mexico has resigned, it is stated, owing to the impossibility of negotiating satisfactorily any longer important issues with Carranza. It may be recalled that Mr. Fletcher returned to the United States a year ago, since when Mr. G. T. Tummerlin has been the United States Charge d'Affaires in Mexico.

HAVAS REVIEW.

PARIS, Jan. 29.

A Havas message states: M. Stephen Pichon has resumed his journalistic labours as editor of the *Petit Journal*. It is recalled that M. Pichon began his newspaper career under M. Clemenceau's auspices on "Justice." M. Pichon's return to his old profession is signalised by his election to the Presidency of the Parisian Press Association. Headed by its president a party of members of the Paris Municipal Council arrived yesterday in London as guests of the London County Council. Ypres, Dixmude, Furnes and Neuport, the Belgian towns associated with the tragedy of the great war were decorated yesterday by M. Poincare. An important political meeting occurred between M. Poincare and M. Millerand, and Marshal Foch, King Albert, the Belgian Premier and the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

TRAINING TIMES.

The following times were recorded at Happy Valley this morning. The grass course was put to good use and was in good condition. Many ponies were sent over a short gallop of a quarter of a mile:—

Gentle Cat.—37.2/5; 1.12.3/5; 1.44.3/5.
Louza (last ¼ mile).—32.1/5; 1.03.
Sumatra Chief (last ¼ mile).—32.1/5; 1.03.3/5.
Alaska Chief (last ¼ mile).—32; 1.05.1/5.
Shiny.—35; 1.09; 1.41.
Burning Daylight.—34.2/5; 1.07; 1.40.
Shamrock Dahlia.—36.2/5; 1.12.2/5; 1.49.2/5; 2.22.3/5.
Cigar Box.—34; 1.08; 1.43.
Sandmartin.—34; 1.08; 1.42.1/5.
Algerian Chief (last ¼ mile).—37.3/5; 1.09.
Champion Dahlia.—31.2/5; 1.14; 1.50; 2.24; 2.56.
Colinton.—36.2/5; 1.07; 1.44; 2.16.
Attraction Dahlia.—38.2/5; 1.13.3/5; 1.47; 2.18.2/5.
Kipper and Rochester.—35.2/5; 1.13; 1.49.3/5; 2.24.
Sovereign Dahlia.—36.3/5; 1.12.3/5; 1.45; 2.17.2/5.
Tredegar and Trevelyan.—37.1/5; 1.11.2/5; 1.44.1/5.
Nutford and Dunford.—34.3/5; 1.06.2/5; 1.42.1/5.
Hongkong Chief.—40.4/5; 1.20.2/5; 1.54; 2.25.3/5.
Sandy.—33.3/5; 1.08.3/5; 1.42; 2.13.
Mighty King.—32; 1.02.
Purity Dahlia.—34; 1.07.2/5; 1.42.
Cornet.—37.1/5; 1.13.1/5; 1.48.
Eclipse Dahlia.—37.2/5; 1.14; 1.48; 2.22; 2.55.1/5.
El Dorado.—35; 1.08.2/5; 1.47.
Albion Dahlia.—35; 1.11.2/5; 1.47.2/5; 2.21; 2.55.
Bayford and Wakeford.—39; 1.13; 1.45.3/5.
Charles.—37.2/5; 1.10.2/5; 1.47.4/5; 2.21.
Dunmore Dahlia.—35.2/5; 1.10; 1.43.3/5; 2.16.
Target.—37; 1.10.2/5; 1.43.3/5.
Blackbird Dahlia.—36.1/5; 1.11.3/5; 1.43.3/5.
Uncle and Pawnshop.—36; 1.10; 1.42.3/5.
Geordie Mac.—38; 1.11.
Craigmount and Rysa.—37.3/5; 1.13; 1.48.
Snuffbox and Scotchbox.—36.3/5; 1.11.
Brilliant Dahlia.—35; 1.10; 1.45; 2.19.4/5.
Wee Mouse.—36; 1.11; 1.42.2/5.
Seaman.—42; 1.20.3/5; 1.57; 2.30.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(By arrangement with *Wah Tse Yat Po.*)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 2.

It was proposed at a meeting of students in Tientsin that all students should absent themselves from school until the alleged wrong done to the five injured students has been righted.

Speaking to one of the Shantung students Kan Wan Pang said "You and I are Shantung people. I have as much interest in Shantung as you have."

It is proposed to establish a University in Fungtien Province. An organization fund amounting to $2,000,000 is now under consideration.

President Chu Sai Cheong in view of the North West frontier being threatened by Bolshevist forces proposes to despatch the expeditionary army, originally intended for Europe, to Kirin and Hilungkiang.

General Chu Shu Tsang spoke to to Tun Ki Sui about the defensive question of the Northwest frontier and suggested that 4 battalions of his soldiers be increased to 4 divisions.

Luk Ching Cheung was reprimanded by Tun Ki Sui for the failure of his mission. Luk was also coldly received by the Cabinet.

There were about 7,000 students marching in front of the Foreign Office yesterday. They protested against direct negotiations with Japan and declared that if Chan Luk the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs, undertakes direct negotiations, he should be punished by the public. They then went to Luk Ching Cheung's Office and threw several flags therein.

LORDS TO TRY A MURDER CASE.

THE FIRST TIME IN MODERN LEGAL HISTORY.

A murder case was to have come before the House of Lords for the first time in modern legal history on December 16.

It arose out of an appeal by the Crown against the decision of the Court of Criminal Appeal quashing the conviction for murder of Arthur Beard, who was found guilty at Chester Assizes on the capital charge and sentenced to death.

Beard was a night watchman at the Carfield Mills, Hyde, in Lancashire, and was tried for the murder of the girl, aged thirteen, named Ivy Wood, who was strangled on July 25 under horrible conditions. He admitted he was drunk at the time.

The Court of Criminal Appeal upset the verdict of murder, reducing it to one of manslaughter, with a sentence of twenty years' penal servitude. The ground for this decision was that direction was not given the jury that drunkenness might so affect the mental condition of a man as to make him incapable of knowing that what he was doing was dangerous, *i.e.*, likely to inflict serious injury.

It was stated at the Judicial Office of the House of Lords that their lists showed that no previous murder charge had ever come before the Lords on an appeal. The convicted man, Beard, although in prison, would be advised of the hearing of the appeal in the ordinary way, and would, if he desired, have the right of personal attendance before the Lords to hear the legal arguments.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

ANOTHER NEW DISEASE.

LONDON, January 30th.

There has been a serious outbreak of influenza among soldiers in an Aldershot camp. The disease is spreading in the town.

A Paris doctor asserts that both influenza and the new disease "lethargic encephalitis" (resembling sleeping sickness) are curable by the injection of a serum. He declares that the former is a plague attacking the nervous centres.

Meanwhile, experts are pointing out that the influenza germ has reappeared all the world over. Moreover, a new wave is about due.

The authorities are widely urging everyone to take precautionary measures. The Ministry of Health is distributing gratis influenza vaccine.

INFLUENZA IN THE STATES.

WASHINGTON, January 22nd.

Representatives have passed a resolution in the Congress for the appropriation of $500,000 to combat influenza.

AVIATION.

LONDON, January 30th.

The *Times*, in a leader on the Cairo-Cape flight, says there is an intoxicating thrill in the mere thought of the possibility of such an enterprise. One of the first steps in the all-important undertaking of establishing regular air communication between the mother-country and the more distant parts of the Empire—the immediate problem for this country—is the speedy opening up of the new medium of travel along well-equipped air roads, such as the route from Cairo to the Cape and all over the Empire.

Africa is still a dark continent. The aeroplane is going to end all that. From the north, the south, the east and the west will light be let in, and some day we may look back on the first experimental flight from Cairo to the Cape as the beginning of a new and better order of things not only for the Empire, knit together by a closer and clearer understanding, but for the whole world.

LONDON, January 31st.

Regulations are published for the *Daily Express* aircraft flight between Great Britain and India and back for a prize of £10,000.

The entrants must carry a cargo of 12,000 lbs.

The dates fixed are between May 1st and October 31st, and the time allowed is 288 hours on the entire journey.

LARGE AIR LINERS.

LONDON, January 30th.

It is understood that prominent aviation firms are combining to establish a system of air liners to America, and possibly to South Africa.

The scheme has been discussed ever since Colonel Seely called a meeting of aircraft firms to consider the potentialities of commercial aviation. Since then pourparlers have taken place between such firms as Vickers, Armstrong Whitworths, Beardmores, and Shortts with a view to purchasing the existing Government airships and build others, to first run a service to Scandinavia and then farther afield.

It is proposed to build and acquire ships, of 3,500,000 cubic feet, with a cruising radius of 4,500 miles and capable of carrying a cargo of fifteen tons.

The Government ships are not adapted for passenger traffic. Therefore a considerable time must elapse before the scheme can fructify. Much experimental work is necessary in order to discover the most suitable types of machine.

Expert circles doubt if ships of the above mentioned dimensions are sufficiently profitable, and suggest ships of 10,000,000 cubic feet.

THE PAISLEY BY-ELECTION.

LONDON, January 29th.

Mr. William Paul, whom the Paisley Socialists invited to stand, has declined the invitation.

LONDON, January 30th.

The polling at Paisley is on February 12th, and the counting on February 25th.

AMERICA'S LOANS TO THE ALLIES.

WASHINGTON, January 30th.

According to a Treasury statement, the accrued interest of the American loans to European countries now approximate $325,000,000.

The Treasury proposes to defer the collection of interest pending reconstruction in ex-belligerent countries. Britain owes $14,441,000 and France $94,022,000.

WORLD'S ECONOMIC RESTORATION.

WASHINGTON, January 30th.

Mr. Glass, Secretary of the Treasury, in a statement, declares that the Treasury is convinced that the credits required for economic restoration must be supplied through private channels, and opposes further Governmental loans and the cancellation of any obligations by the European Governments. He declares that the rectification of exchanges lies primarily in the hands of the European Governments whose refusal to export gold prevents rectification. The United States cannot undertake to finance the requirements of Europe.

Mr. Glass states his objections to the proposed international conference. He fears that if such a conference were held many European Governments would, unjustifiably, assume that the United States is going to shoulder their burdens. He does not object to American Chambers of Commerce sending representatives if they desire to attend an unofficial conference, provided that the impossibility of the United States Government taking action is recognised beforehand.

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All returned airmen are cordially invited to attend.

By Order,
E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 28, 1920.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG UNIVERSITY UNION has the pleasure to announce that Professor G. W. FERGUSON, M.A., Professor of Education at the University of Hongkong, will deliver a Lecture on Lord Dunsany—the man and his works—at the Helena May Institute by kind permission of the Council of the Institute on WEDNESDAY, February 4, at 5.30 P.M.

The Chair will be taken by Professor G. P. JORDAN, M.B., Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University.

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HOW IT'S DONE.

SCATHING CONDEMNATION OF RECENT MEMOIRS.

"THE ART OF LETTERS."

Sir Owen Seaman has published in *Punch* a poem called 'The Art of Letters,' than which nothing could be more timely, says Dr Edmund Gosse in the *Sunday Times*. It reminds the presumed authors of certain recent and current memoirs that 'every book which gets a boom' is not literature, and it suggests that "Dogs of War who want to write should take a lesson over night" in the art which they imagine to be so easy to master.

While I wait to see these winged verses set up in gold on the portals of the War Office and the Admiralty, I desire, in my humbler fashion, to expand them a little. I do not believe that the general public has any idea of the way in which many of these so-called autobiographies are composed. It is done in this way.

A firm of publishers writes to an eminent soldier, sailor, or sportsman and asks him whether he will allow his memoirs to be published. The firm begs to offer—thousand pounds for the privilege of doing so. The Eminent Public Character replies that he is very sorry, but must decline the proposal, as he has never been able to string two sentences together. The firm immediately responds that there will be no difficulty about that, because Our Mr. X. (or Mrs. Y.) will wait upon his Lordship and will 'put together in literary shape' what falls from the illustrious lips. Accordingly by dint of cross-examination under Mr. X. (generally quite a clever fellow, though not, of course, a Man of Letters), eked out by copious reference to newspaper reports and to familiar correspondence, the monstrous 'Memoirs' are developed.

THE EMINENT PERSON.

The name of the Eminent Person appears as that of the author on the title-page. All goes well; the public buys and asks no questions; and the Eminent Person pockets his thousands. Partly through innocence and partly because he is told that 'everybody does it,' he has no suspicion that he is a party to a fraud. But he is, and some day if Mr. X. does not think that he has been paid enough or if Mrs. Y. loses her temper with the publisher, there will be an embarrassing disclosure. But what I feel most is the insult to ancient and once honourable Art of Letters.

There is another class of Memoirs, with which, I take it, Sir Owen Seaman is still more actively incensed. These are not spurious, like those I have just described, but they are even more offensive to taste. In these there is no question who may be the author, because his personality reeks from every paragraph. It pleases some reviewers to consider that mere personality is excuse enough and more than enough for every lapse from the usual reserve of refined expression. They recall to us, complacently, Buffon's phrase, 'le style, c'est l'homme meme,' but they forget that if the style is disgusting the revelation of the man must be distasteful.

No amount of respect for the services of a great administrator is sufficient to make us pleased with pages in which the words 'fool,' 'ass,' and 'congenital idiot' are printed in large capitals. The reader shrinks, as King Edward VII is said to have done, from a mentor who 'shakes his fist in his face.'

When the gallant author describes his political or professional critics as 'skunks' and 'venomous reptiles,' servile reviewers murmur, 'How breezy!' But such a style is not really 'breezy' at all, it is stuffy, it is like the atmosphere in an overcrowded beer-shop on a hot afternoon. No wonder that the Eminent Writer declares, at the top of his voice, 'I have small faith in the printed word.' This, at all events, may be heartily endorsed by his shame-stricken readers.

BREEZY BUT ILL MANNERED.

'Breezy,' indeed! Not thus did the wit of Burke and the fury of Junius sweep England with Etesian gales. When he sees the beastly thing in print he calls me "frisky," writes the incomparable Nelson de nos jours. Ah, no! not 'frisky'! Some other epithet is required—not 'frisky, not 'breezy' It seems very sad to me that when the Illustrious Person was in the throes of composition he had not at his elbow an elderly female relative, some Early Victorian aunt, who would say:

Very clever and bright, I am sure; but, my dear John (or whatever the name would be), don't you think it might be well to keep the manuscript by you till to-morrow morning? What your dear father used to call, Go to bed on it? So clever, of course! What I see you call the fragrance of the fresh picked flower. Not "fresh picked" as you have written it, but "fresh-picked," I suppose? So very spirited; but don't you think you might give it a little more—what shall I say?—a little more literary distinction by making the sentences more logical, and by not mixing up your metaphors quite so much. Now, I notice that you say you "thank God that a spider's web of lines of wire has got put up by a cloud of bluejackets before a rat was smelt!" Would not Burke have managed to express that more lucidly? And then, my dear John, is it quite nice to make so very free with "damned" and cursewords of that kind? Of course, it is very breezy, but do you think it is quite well bred? I daresay I am very old fashioned, but I was always taught that a gentleman might be betrayed into using, but never into writing, these unguarded expletives. So, I imagine, the tedious old lad might go murmuring on, to the impatience, perhaps, but ultimately to the advantage of the Autobiographical Hero.

"Despicably dull or hideously strident, the Memoirs will, which our celebrated Men of Action invade us to-day would be matters of despair if the neglect of English prose which they illustrate were universal," says Mr. Gosse. "But there are isles of comfort in the sea of misery, or else the lover of literature, worn and wan, never thus could voyage on."

BIG CUNARDERS AT LONDON.

STRANGE APATHY OF THE P.L.A.

"NO ROOM!"

The enterprise of a great British steamship company has been baulked by the stick-in-the-mud policy of the Port of London Authority. The port, which is said to be the richest and largest in the world, is unable to find room for a 20,000 ton Cunarder, which has been on the London-New York service for some months. This is not due to the fact that London cannot accommodate big liners, for the "Caronia" has already been berthed at the Cunard berth at Tilbury. But it is a striking example of the present apathy of the officials of the P.L.A.

Recently the "Caronia" arrived from New York with many passengers and 5,000 tons of food for London. She could not go to her usual berth at Tilbury and had to put in at Southampton, and there disembark passengers and get her cargo on to the railway for London, which of course, will mean a serious delay.

The Port of London Authority's only response to inquiries was "No room." It is true that the "Saxonia" was at the Cunard's Tilbury berth at the time, but, she is only 14,000 tons, and there is difficulty in discovering a reason why room for two Cunard liners cannot be found in the port of London.

The Cunard Company opened the service of big liners between London and New York on September 12th last, putting the "Caronia" and the "Saxonia" on the run. This enterprise has proved a great success, and a regular service, with sailings about every fortnight, has been established. This temporary interruption is not likely to act as a set-back to the Cunard Company, but for the development of British shipping and passenger and freight facilities in the port it is to be hoped that the P.L.A. will rapidly shed this strange apathy and offer the promised berths.

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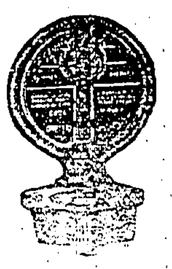

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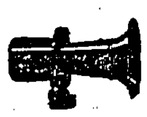

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, VICTORIA BUILDING on THURSDAY, 5th February, 1920, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the REPORT of DIRECTORS together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday 28th, January to Thursday 5th February, 1920, (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER of SHARES can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary to the
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General Agents for the
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, January 21, 1920.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, 7th February 1920, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December 1919.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY 26th January to 7th February 1920 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 20, 1920.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the above named Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 6th day of February, 1920, to MONDAY, the 16th day of February, 1920, both days inclusive.

Dated this 29th day of January, 1920.
By Order of the Board,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that a Second EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above named Company (Notice of which was duly given on the 13th day of January, 1920) will be held at the Registered offices of the Company, St. George's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 16th day of February, 1920, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of considering and if thought fit confirming as Special Resolutions the resolutions set out underneath which were duly passed as Extraordinary Resolutions at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 28th day of January, 1920, viz:—

"That the Capital of the Company be increased to Three million dollars ($3,000,000) by the creation of Two hundred and forty thousand (240,000) shares of Ten dollars ($10.00) each, ranking for dividend and in all other respect pari passu with the existing shares in the Company."

"That the new Articles already approved by this Meeting and for the purpose of identification thereof subscribed by the Chairman be and the same are hereby approved, and that such Articles be and they are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereof."

And the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution:—

"That it is desirable to capitalize the sum of $600,000.00 standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and accordingly that for the purpose of effecting such capitalization a bonus of $10.00 per share on each of the issued shares of the Company be and the same is hereby declared and that the Board be and they are hereby authorised to satisfy such bonus by the distribution amongst the persons who are registered as holders of the issued $10 shares of the Company on the date hereof of one of the unissued $10 shares of the Company credited as fully paid up in respect of each share of the Company held by such persons as aforesaid and in satisfaction of such aforementioned bonus, and that such shares rank for dividends and in all other respects as from the first day of March, 1920."

Drafts of the new Articles of Association may be seen at any time before the second meeting, except Saturdays and Sundays between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Registered Offices of the Company, or at the Offices of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, Prince's Buildings, Hongkong, the Company's Solicitors.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from January, 27th to February 10, 1920, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 14, 1920.

SHIPPING PERSONALIA.

Mr. C. S. Simpson, third engineer, "Ngankin," has resigned.

Mr. A. Cumming, second engineer, "Sunning," has gone second engineer, "Suiyang."

Mr. P. D. Cooper, second engineer, "Suiyang," has gone second engineer, "Sunning."

Mr. J. S. Masson, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Kwongsang."

Mr. H. S. Hurley, chief officer, "Kwongsang," has signed off.

Mr. T. Fairburn has been appointed second officer, "Luenho."

Mr. W. Moore, second officer, "Luenho," is on leave.

Mr. G. H. Hodgson, second officer, "Taisang," has signed off.

Mr. E. Porter has signed on second officer, "Taisang."

Captain D. Skinner, of the "Fausang," has signed off.

Captain F. J. Gill has signed on master, "Fausang."

Mr. A. Sinclair has signed on supernumerary second officer, "Yuensang."

Captain T. S. King, of the "Wingsang," is on reserve.

Mr. T. Croft, from reserve, has gone acting master, "Wingsang."

Mr. A. J. Begley, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, "Waishing."

Mr. G. D. Grant, chief engineer, "Waishing," is on reserve.

Mr. A. Tollefsen, from leave, has gone second officer, "Haean."

Mr. J. Webster has been appointed second officer, "Hsinchang."

Captain G. Wayne, of the "Hwatah," has resigned.

Mr. A. H. Hansen, chief officer, "Hwatah," has gone acting master, same ship.

Mr. Clark has been appointed chief officer, "Hwatah."

Mr. Johnson, chief officer, "Whashin," has resigned.

Mr. F. H. Lacks has been appointed chief officer, "Whashin."

Mr. A. E. Inwood, chief officer, "Gweneth," has resigned.

Mr. E. G. Dyke has been appointed chief officer, "Gweneth."

Mr. E. Norvik has been appointed master, "Hsin Pingan."

Mr. J. F. Biberg has been appointed chief officer, "Hsin Pingan."

Mr. N. Leashin has been appointed second officer, "Burrembeet."

Mr. C. S. Robb, chief officer, "Rotorua," has resigned.

Mr. J. W. Doyle has been appointed chief officer, "Rotorua."

Mr. E. J. Bucknall has been appointed second engineer, "Patriot."

Captain A. Partridge, of the "Shawhsing," is on leave.

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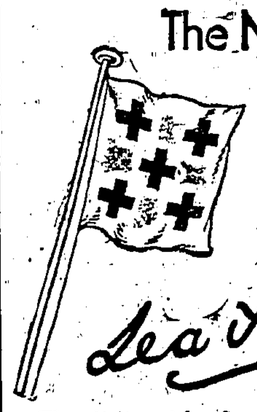

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The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEB. 3, 1920.

TRUTH.

"Truth, justice, public service." That is the daily reminder which the Editor of the *China Mail* prints at the head of this column as a guide for his contributory writers. Does he really mean it? "Within reason, within reason," he says, impatiently, when the Fourth Leader Writer wants to be as candid as a fig in a barrel of molasses. And he waves a lordly hand, grabs a pencil as blue as a *Winning Post* story, and in two strokes robs Hongkong of a sensation that would make 'em talk for nine days, and probably put him in jail for nine months. There is a difference between the truth and the whole truth, or why would the Courts have the well known formula for the adjuration of witnesses? The papers must not tell the whole truth, or where would we be? That is all right, and can pass. Some of them don't seem to worry about fragments of it. We have just noted in a Home paper several inches of matter with a double headline, purporting to tell "how a Britisher bluffed the Bolsheviks." It was told—let us be careful, and say it is reported to have been told—at the Victory dinner of the Gaelic Society of London by Sir William Sutherland M.P. An Englishman got aboard a train at Budapest. Bela Kun's Bolsheviks asked him questions. He had no passport, and a friend with him told them to "Buzz off." These words made "a great impression." They pasted a notice on the window, and locked the carriage door. The notice said: "This compartment is reserved for Count Buzzoff." One wonders why Bolsheviks should have treated a mere count politely. One wonders at the credulity of the Pressmen who print and reprint these fairytales. There isn't, of course, a word of truth in it. It is a poor echo of that war chestnut, about the lady who remarked to the matron on the number of Russians in a certain hospital. "We have no Russians" said the matron. "Oh, but you have," said the lady. "Just now I asked that one what his name was, and he answered "Buzzoffyewench." (We have, in spite of our respect for Truth, taken the liberty of camouflaging slightly the patient's idiom.)

Well, such taradiddles are harmless enough; but many other newspaper lies are not. We have exposed several lies about Bolshevist atrocities, which the papers who printed them never troubled to retract. Now at last we have seen an official retraction of a lie that has gone the rounds about Germany's secret army. Watch the other China coast papers, and you won't see any of them publish the retraction, though they have reprinted the lie. Winston Churchill himself in the House of Commons has denied that there is any truth in those stories of Germany's hidden armies. Sir Frederick Maurice not only said they were not true: he added that they could not be true. Germany has no army to speak of, says our one and only War Lord Winston, on the very day that Parliament gets Army Estimates showing our army outlay for the current year to be £405,000,000!

ADVERSARIA.

POETRY. One of our local poets wonders why we have "ceased to publish any more poems" in the *China Mail*. We cannot very well publish any more until some more come in. Apparently the holidays upset the divine afflatus and sickened the Muse. The only thing resembling a poem we have seen for some time was labelled "A Ballade of Tripe," and Trotski got that. To-day, to show that we have no serious dislike of poetry, we retrieve from our W.P.B. two joyous jingles by Brother Hill.

PROSE. The same gentleman favours us with an essay about his bed. He says it has eight sides, six of which are equal to their opposites. The other two are not, being the inside and the outside. As he quotes Oliver Lodge we suspect he wants to pull the legs of our readers, which cannot be permitted. Those legs are sacred. The bed "has legs, but never uses them," says he, which is surely a stronary error. It uses them all the time; they perpetually carry its weight. He might just as well say it has castors, but never takes castoroil. Although it contains the brains of all the world, he says, it has no brains, yet it has a head; and although it has four legs it has only one foot. He guesses it must be a Mason, because it is "on the square" and keeps its secrets. All of which makes us think he ought to go back to it, or look under it, or something.

LEGAL ROBBERY. During November the Bank of England rate was increased to six per cent. That makes the Government's borrowings more expensive, and as the Coalition Gang are the most reckless borrowers we ever had, the unfortunate taxpayer is bound to get a compound fracture of the prosperous bone, and phlyctenular conjunctivitis of the purse. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, the gifted Austen Chamberlain, who certainly would never be trusted to run a branch of the Chartered Bank, says nothing matters very much so long as credit inflation is reduced and an effective gold standard restored. That, you will observe, is the precise equivalent of saying that it doesn't matter about the patient being dangerously ill if he would only get better. The simple fact is that as things are there can be no deflation of credit, for currency notes are still being issued *ad lib.* and they are credit's prime inflaters. The obstacle to the other thing, the getting back to a gold basis, is that those nations with whom our trade balance is favourable show a shy reluctance to part with their gold. We had to pour gold over them during the war (or it was said we must) in order to "adjust" exchange; and the "adjustment" is still as much in view as a patch on a prominent part of a man's clothes when he is stooping to pick up a pingpong ball. The increased Bank rate would be meant to re-attract gold. It didn't.

THE FLU. After four days of unseasonable warmth, culminating yesterday with an apparent temperature that led people to adopt lighter clothing, open windows, etc., to-day began with a distinctly "parky" feel, and mufflers and heavy coats reappeared. The day also began with a cablegram announcing that influenza is rife all over the world again. It is almost more trouble to keep alive these days than it is worth.

WHOEVER? *Lloyd's Weekly* noticed in *John Bull* a statement about Hongkong's requirements in the line of outspoken journalism, and commented as follows:—"There is a great deal of truth in what the anonymous contributor says as to the needs of the Crown Colony. The Government system has been a farce for years, monopolies rule the place, a few individuals have cornered everything, the Chinese are only permitted to live there—and pay, many of the officials have done remarkably well during the war—some of them being credited with the collection of three, four and even five salaries a month. No government by the people. Officialdom. There is only one man in Hongkong who could and would lash out at things and individuals there. He is a newspaper man, too. Name, in confidence."

WHERE HONGKONG SCORES. After all, Hongkong is a most delightful place to live in. Newspapers seem always bound to present the dark side. News is scanual and evil; "no news is goud news" They give you stories of armed robbers, armed microbes and germs, crimes and rogueries, house shortage, rice shortage. They tell you the worst. And all the while Hongkong has a marvellous capacity for joy, which is your true wealth. We do, all of us, seem to live joyously.

LLOYD GEORGE. Lloyd George has "a bad Press" for his Manchester speech. He seems to have shown his hand fairly plainly. He wants to hold office, no matter with what support. Defending the Coalition, he asked how the country was to be governed unless somebody coalesced. "You cannot govern except by a Parliamentary majority, and I cannot see a Parliamentary majority unless some Party is going to coalesce with some other Party. If you coalesce with some Party, it means that you join forces with some Party of a part of whose political creed you profoundly disapprove, exactly as they disapprove of a part of yours." That sounds very sensible, and if he had stopped there, he might have been difficult to answer. But he went on talking, forgot that argument altogether, and went on to say that a coalition with Labour was "impossible" unless they agreed "with everything in the Labour party." "Do we agree with everything in the Labour party?" he demanded. They are now very naturally asking if Lloyd George agrees with everything in the Tory party.

OUTSPOKEN ESSAYS. A new book of old essays by Dean Inge (Longmans, six bob) is entitled "Outspoken Essays" The title is quite good. We desire to show more restraint in praising the contents. For example, He says. "To all appearance man has still a great part of his long lease before him, and there is no reason to suppose that the future will be less productive of moral and spiritual triumphs than the past." It couldn't, you know, very well be less.

BUT WHY? That was the headline over a *China Mail* story yesterday, a story that told how a Chinese woman was fined $10, with the option of 21 days in jail, for the unlawful possession of a hammer head. No other owner could be found. The piece of iron bore the letters M. D. D. C. Ltd., they said. Was it not perhaps MDCCL, annus 1750? In that case the original owner has no further use for it. The woman told a not utterly unbelievable story of where she found it. Ten dollars or 21 days for ten cents worth of ownerless iron seems not quite.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 5s. 5⅜d.

We are glad to learn that Inspector Kent of No. 2 Police Station has sufficiently improved to be discharged from hospital. He will be able to resume duty soon.

A big lot of silver burgled from the house of Mr. Edney Page of Shanghai has been recovered by the police. They found it on a wharf, waiting to be shipped away.

Communicable disease in to-day's return, nil. Last week we had a case of smallpox, two of diphtheria, one of scarlet fever, four of enteric, and four of cerebro-spinal fever.

Professor G. W. Ferguson, M.A., of the Hongkong University, will lecture on "Lord Dunsany: The Man and his Work," at the Helena May Institute at 5.30 p.m., tomorrow.

The Annual Meeting of Union Church seatholders will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) evening at 9 o'clock in the Church Hall for the purpose of electing officers and receiving the Balance Sheet for 1919.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Muncaster Castle" are reminded that all cargo remaining undelivered after February 4 will be subjected to rent. Claims against the steamer for broken, chafed and damaged goods, will not be recognized after February 20.

The Hongkong Tramway Company took $12,798 in the week ending January 31. In the same week of last year they took $4,551 more than that, but it happened last year to be the Chinese New Year week, which falls later this year. The aggregate receipts for five weeks were $64,824, or $6,071 less than in the corresponding period of 1919.

Messrs. Macmillan & Co., Ltd., have in preparation a *Dictionary of Applied Physics*, to be issued probably in four volumes, under the editorship of Sir Richard Glazebrook, who will have the assistance of a number of distinguished contributors. The work is intended to include the range of physical science in its application to engineering and manufacture; it will cover, therefore, a wide ground, and needs the co-operation of many writers. It should appeal to many workers, for the fact that scientific investigation and inquiry form the foundations of new methods of manufacture and are required before any marked advance is possible is now very fully realised. It is hoped, in the various sections of the Dictionary, not only to supply up-to-date information as to what has been done in the past, but also to give some indication of pioneering directions for further progress. The present is a suitable time for such a work; new industries are springing up, old industries are being reconstructed, and there are few which do not involve some process or processes based on the discoveries of physics. Pure science, as the president of the Royal Society stated some little time back, may cause a revolution in an industry. It will be the object of the Dictionary to indicate in a concise form the application of the most recent advances of physics to trade and manufacture.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

Notices are being circulated to all former members of the Defence Corps and to the principal firms in the Colony in which applicants who desire to be enrolled in the New Volunteer Force are requested to state whether they wish to be enrolled in

(a) The Artillery Company.
(b) The Engineer Company.
(c) The Machine Gun Company.
(d) The Infantry Battalion which will consist of.
(i) A mounted Infantry Company.
(ii) A Light Infantry Company.
(iii) An Infantry Company.
(iv) A Scottish Company.
(v) A Portuguese Company.
(vi) A Reserve Company.

Applicants are also invited to state what name they suggest for the new Corps.

The notice states that members under 40 will not be allowed to join the reserve Infantry Company unless for special approved reasons, that the Machine Gun Company will be armed with Vickers Machine Guns and that Lewis Guns will be provided for the the infantry platoons, that only men physically fit and capable of going across country anywhere should join the Light Infantry Company. Signallers will be required for the various units.

Spend your Evenings in a "WALLA WALLA" Launch.

SPECIAL CABLE.

A PORTUGUESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

DIRECT STEAMER SERVICE TO PORTUGAL.

[*China Mail* SPECIAL].

SHANGHAI, Feb. 3.

On the eve of the departure for the homeland of the Portuguese consul, a valedictory luncheon was given by the Portuguese community. An interesting scheme was outlined for the establishment of a Portuguese chamber of commerce, for steamers direct between Portugal and the Far East, the formation of a bank and insurance company, etc. The war has created a stimulus to Portuguese aspirations.

CHINESE GENERAL SHOT.

[*China Mail* SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 3.

General Tsang Mang-kia, who was shot by an unknown assailant in the French concession on Thursday, died in hospital on Saturday. He was formerly a revolutionary general in Anhui and was prominent during the revolution. The murder was due to political motives. No trace of the murderer has been discovered.

OUR SHANGHAI CORRESPONDENT IS MOVED.

[CHINA MAIL SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 3.

An awful tragedy was witnessed in broad daylight in the French concession. A Chinese about thirty years of age fell on to the roadway from the second storey of the great world building. Death was instantaneous. His identity has not been established, and it is not known whether it was a suicide case or an accident.

REMINISCENCES OF CHINA.

LORD FISHER'S "RECORDS."

Lord Fisher is now publishing some "Records" in *The Times*, and in them he tells us:—My first chance came when Admiral Hope sent me to command a vessel in Chinese waters on special service. His motto was "Favouritism is the secret of efficiency," and though I was only 19 he put me over the heads of many older men because he believed that I should do what I was told to do, and carry out the orders of the Admiral regardless of consequences. And so I did, although I made all sorts of mistakes and nearly lost the ship. When I came back everyone seemed to expect that I should be tried by Court Martial; but the Admiral only cared that I had done what he wanted done; and then he gave me command of another vessel.

Lord Fisher gives an interesting reminiscence concerning one of the first of his captains, who was the seventh son of the last Vice-Chancellor of England, Sir Lancelot Shadwell. He writes:—

Shadwell's appearance on going into a fight I must describe. We went up a Chinese river to capture a pirate stronghold. Presently, the pirates opened fire from a banana plantation on the river bank. We nipped ashore from the boats to the banana plantation. I remember I was armed to the teeth, like a Greek brigand, all swords and pistols, and was weighed down with my weapons. We took shelter in the banana plantation, but our Captain stood on the river bank. I shall never forget it. He was dressed in a pair of white trousers, yellow waistcoat, and a blue tail coat, with brass buttons and a tall white hat with a gold stripe up the side of it, and he was waving a white umbrella to encourage us to come out of the bananas and go for the enemy. He had no weapon of any sort. So (I think rather against our inclinations, as the gingall bullets were flying about pretty thick) we all had to come out and go for the Chinese. Once the Chinese guns were firing at us, and as the shell whizzed over the boat we all ducked. "Lay on your oars, my men," said Shadwell; and proceeded to explain very deliberately how ducking delayed the progress of the boat—apparently unaware that his lecture had stopped its progress altogether!

THE MAGIC KISS

When waking, sleeping, or in dreams
Thy face I see,
Do'st haunt me always—so it seems,
So must it be.
Those wondrous eyes, so blue and deep,
They search me through:
And ask me oft' that question sweet—
Will you be true?
Those lips—shaped like an Angel's kiss—
I long to feel:
That one grand thrill of perfect bliss
That seems so real.
When thou do'st let me, pretty Miss,
Just one kiss steal—
'Tis heaven such times as this,
And all wounds heal.

—WILLIAM HILL.

MOTOR FATALITY.

A DIVIDED VERDICT.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood, in his capacity as Coroner, and a jury composed of Messrs. C.H.W. Kew, D. J. Murphy and J. F. de Souza, late yesterday afternoon, the hearing was concluded in connection with the enquiry held into the circumstances attending the death of a Chinese who was knocked down in Praya East on January 22, by motor car No. 241, owned by Mr. A.M.L. Soares.

After Dr. Scott had given evidence as to the nature of the injuries, and a Chinese had given evidence of identification, another witness gave evidence and said he was in a timber yard, when he was called by one of his *fokis*. He went out into the road, and there saw the deceased lying in the middle of the road, in an unconscious condition. There was a motor car standing nearby. Assisted by his *fokis*, witness removed the deceased to the side of the road. When the deceased recovered consciousness, he refused stubbornly to go to hospital, and called in a Chinese doctor to attend him. He died on the following morning. He was a *foki* of the timber yard, and was, with the assistance of another *foki*, carrying a plank measuring about 25 feet long to a neighbouring timber yard at the time of the accident.

The boy who helped the deceased to carry the plank, gave corroborative evidence.

Miss Edith Soares then went into the witness box, and said she was on her way to the French Convent School at Causeway Bay in motor car No. 241 on the morning in question, when the accident occurred. The deceased and another boy, who were carrying, between them, a long plank, stopped in the middle of the road, as the car approached them. The chauffeur moderated the speed of the car, and sounding his horn was in the act of passing them, when they ran forward, and the collision occurred.

The chauffeur stated in his evidence, which corroborated what Miss Soares had said, that he slowed down the car when he got near the deceased. The latter ran in front of the car, and the collision took place. He was travelling at about 10 miles an hour before the accident. He first saw the deceased when he was about two feet away from the car. He did his best to avert the collision by applying the brakes to the car. Had the deceased stopped running, there would have been no collision.

After the Coroner had reviewed the evidence, the jury deliberated for a few minutes and then Mr. Kew announced that two of the jurors were of opinion that there was a certain amount of negligence which, however, did not amount to gross negligence, on the part of the chauffeur. The other juror opined that the chauffeur had exercised all possible care to avert the unfortunate accident.

His Worship accepted the divided verdict, and thanking the jurors, discharged them.

A BROTHEL THIEF.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, a Chinese youth was charged with the theft from a brothel at No. 20, Temple Street, Yaumati, of a blanket. He pleaded "not guilty."

One of the inmates of the brothel said that at about 6.20 a.m. she was returning to her cubicle from the kitchen, when she saw two people going down the stairs. She took no notice. When she got into her cubicle however, she found that her blanket was missing. She ran down to the street but could not see anyone. Whilst she was in the street, she heard someone in the house call out "thief." She ran back to the brothel, and in the cubicle adjoining hers, she found the defendant hiding under the bed. She handed him over to the Police, who came in answer to the alarm.

After a Chinese constable had deposed to taking the defendant into custody, the latter said he went to the brothel to look for a friend. He admitted being in the cubicle, but he was not hiding under the bed. He knew nothing about the stolen blanket.

His Worship altered the charge to one of being on the premises for the purpose of committing a larceny, and sentenced the defendant to one month's hard labour.

ARMED FOOTPAD.

A highway robbery is reported by a cook employed on board the s.s. "Hopsang" who alleges that whilst he was walking along Aberdeen Street at about 8 p.m., yesterday, he was attacked by an armed man at the junction with Gough Street, and relieved of $98 in bank notes. The Police are making investigations, but no arrest has yet been made.

A FORTY YEARS' TEST.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy has been curing coughs and colds for the past forty years and has gained in popularity every year. What better recommendation is required? For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

ARMED ROBBERY.

MISCREANTS GET CLEAR AWAY.

An armed robbery is reported to have taken place on the first floor of No. 184, Des Vœux Road, at about 7.45 p.m., yesterday. The premises are occupied by the Hop Wo firm, dealers in shark fins. Four men gained admittance to the premises under the pretext that they wanted to see the master of the shop. Once in the premises, two of them produced revolvers, and the other daggers, and with these they terrorized the master and his *fokis*, threatening to shoot them if they raised an alarm. Whilst two men guarded the terror stricken inmates of the shop, the other two ransacked the place and breaking open two boxes, they extracted $1,100 in notes. A fifth man, who was armed with a dagger, stood on guard on the staircase whilst his confederates ransacked the premises. He was accosted on the staircase by a *foki* of the neighbouring shop, who suspecting that every thing was not all right next door, went over to investigate. Being unarmed, this man was handicapped in his fight with the guard, but nevertheless, he grappled with him pluckily, and in the course of the struggle, he was stabbed in the back by the other man. He raised an alarm, and the robbers decamped. When the Police arrived, the wounded man was removed to the hospital. His condition is not considered serious. The robbers who got away immediately after the alarm was given, made good their escape. Although the Police are making investigations, they are handicapped by the absence of clues. No arrests have been made. They don't even know which way the robbers went.

A SHIPPING ACTION.

FORECLOSURE ON A MORTGAGE.

In the Supreme Court this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir William Rees-Davies, K.C., a case was heard in which the China Hong Nin Life Insurance Company, Ltd., and Li Ling Ku, claimed $144,910.85 from the s.s. "Mo Hon" on a mortgage for principal, interest, payment of wages and insurance.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall, appeared for plaintiffs, the action being heard *ex parte*.

His Lordship, on taking his seat, remarked: I am glad to see you were not wrecked, Mr. Alabaster.

Mr. Alabaster: I was in a thick fog.

His Lordship: I am told you were in the perils of the deep.

Mr. Alabaster: I was on the deep.

This arose out of Mr. Alabaster being unable to attend Court yesterday owing to his being fog bound.

Opening his case Mr. Alabaster said this was an Admiralty action for the closure of a mortgage on a ship for the non-payment of the principal sum, interest and certain expenses to which the mortgagees had been put. There had been no appearance and an order was obtained on January 9 for the case to be proceeded with *ex parte*. On December 1918 a mortgage was entered into between plaintiff and the owners of the ship, under which they were to pay $60,000 down and any further sums as required, the whole not to exceed $150,000. The whole amount was not required and the mortgagees advanced the sum of $130,000. There were receipts for the various amounts advanced. One month's notice had to be given before the mortgage was called in and this had been done. Since the plaintiffs had taken possession of the ship they had incurred expenses for upkeep.

The second plaintiff went into the box and said the owner of the ship had absconded. As to the disposition of the ship witness said plaintiffs desired it to be sold by public auction.

His Lordship observed that Mr. Alabaster would have great difficulty in persuading him to make any other order.

Judgment was entered for plaintiffs and an order was made for the ship to be sold by public auction.

SHANGHAI OPIUM CASE.

The Judge at Shanghai, in discharging Constable Allen (charged with a big theft of opium) said: Allen, I am glad to be able to discharge you and, though it is entirely contrary to my usual practice, I wish to express my concurrence in the verdict of the jury. I do so because your position is one of great difficulty in view of your being in the police, and I think that the opinion of one who has listened very carefully to the evidence and given it very anxious consideration should be expressed on such an occasion. I don't think it is necessary for me to warn you against foolishness in the future, but I do so shortly, because I feel it is for your good and I have said it in case by any chance it should be needed. I don't believe it is, and I trust you will be able to hold up your head as an old soldier who has distinguished himself and that the verdict of the jury will enable you to resume your duty as a police officer, and I trust you may be successful in your calling.

Yet after that Allen was discharged from the Police Force.

DEATH.

SPIERS.—At the Government Civil Hospital, on February 2, 1920, Alfred William Percival Spiers (late of Davis & Co.), aged 33. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

ARM'S CASE.

One of two armed Chinese arrested by Sergeants Cockle and McFall in and opium divan in Praya East, and charged with the unlawful possession of arms and ammunition, and with attempting to resist lawful arrest, was again before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.

Addressing the prisoner, his Worship said: You are charged on two counts (1) possession of a revolver and ammunition without permission, and (2) attempting to resist lawful arrest. I have decided to deal with your case myself, and do not propose to send you to the Supreme Court. Have you anything to say before sentence is passed?

Prisoner: I did not offer any resistence to the Police. I did not struggle.

His Worship: I will not convict you on the second charge, but I convict you of unlawfully having in your possession a revolver and five rounds of ammunition. I sentence you to 12 months' hard labour. The arms and ammunition are to be confiscated.

THE MARATHON RACE.

The following is a complete analysis of the entries for the above Race. The list closed on Saturday last.

Civilians	13
H. K. Police	1
H. M. S. Hawkins	24
— Carlisle	4
— Alacrity	1
Submarines	6
R.G.A.	1
Wiltshires	51
74th Punjabis	17
2/22nd do.	6
H.K.S.B.R'G.A.	17
	141

This number includes five British Officers; also Inspector R. R. Wood, of the Sanitary Department, runner-up in the 1918 Marathon, one Japanese and three Chinese.

Full information on all outstanding questions connected with the Race will be duly published.

ESTABLISH PROPAGANDA BUREAU IN JAPAN.

Tokyo, Dec. 27.—The secret service funds of the Foreign Office for the next fiscal year have been greatly increased and most of the funds is to be used for the purposes of political propaganda. A Foreign Office official, in an interview with the "Yomiuri," says: "A new bureau for propaganda will be established in the Foreign Office and Mr. Ijuin, Japanese Ambassador to Italy, will be appointed its head and most probably Mr. Ariyoshi, Japanese Consul-General at Shanghai, will be made vice-chief. The principal business of the new bureau will be the collection of information from foreign countries and the mapping out of a foreign policy to be pursued by Japan."

FELT HAT, FELT CANE.

The two Chinese youths who were yesterday remanded on a charge of unlawful possession of a felt hat in Yaumati, were again before Mr. Wood this morning. The first defendant was ordered to receive eight strokes with a rattan, and the other, who had a previous conviction recorded against him, was sentenced to 28 days' hard labour.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The s.s. ST. ANDREW, Capt. Bennett, 2,535 tons, arrived yesterday at 3.30 p.m. from Shanghai with 400 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. POLSHANNON, Capt. W. Lane, 3,56 tons, arrived yesterday at 8 a.m. from Singapore.

The s.s. HAICHING, Capt. A. H. Stewart 1,267 tons, arrived yesterday at 12.40 p.m. from Swatow with 1,600 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. INSIANG, Capt. W. J. Barker, 1,614 tons, arrived yesterday at [illegible] with 650 tons of general cargo and 77 bags of mail.

[illegible] LOMOND, Capt. Webster, [illegible] tons, arrived yesterday at 4.0 p.m. from Singapore with 1,400 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. DILWARA, Capt. T. P. Babb, 2,461 tons, arrived yesterday at 3 p.m. from Singapore with 60 tons of general cargo and 25 packages of mail.

HOME FOOTBALL.

The following are the positions of the Leagues on December 20.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
W. Bromwich A	19	14	0	5	54	25	28
Burnley	20	12	3	5	31	28	27
Sunderland	19	12	2	5	36	21	26
Newcastle U.	20	10	4	6	27	19	24
Chelsea	19	9	3	7	29	24	21
Manchester Utd.	18	7	6	5	30	22	20
Bolton Wan	20	7	6	7	35	32	20
Sheffield Utd.	20	8	4	8	35	34	20
Arsenal	19	6	8	5	31	30	20
Everton	19	7	5	7	38	34	19
Bradford	19	8	3	8	33	30	19
Aston Villa	19	8	1	9	34	35	19
Middlesbrough	20	7	5	8	25	31	19
Manchester C.	19	7	4	8	43	40	18
Blackburn R.	20	6	6	8	28	37	18
Notts County	19	6	6	7	31	41	18
Bradford C.	20	6	5	9	34	39	17
Liverpool	19	7	3	9	21	28	17
Derby County	20	5	7	8	20	30	17
Preston N. E.	19	6	3	10	28	44	15
Oldham Ath	18	5	2	11	23	30	12
Sheffield W.	19	3	4	12	14	32	10

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Tottenham H.	19	15	2	2	55	16	32
Birmingham	19	13	3	3	40	16	29
Blackpool	20	11	4	5	38	21	26
Huddersfield	19	11	3	5	37	15	25
Hull City	20	11	2	7	42	32	24
Stockport Co.	19	9	5	5	31	19	23
Stoke	19	11	1	7	31	24	23
Bristol City	19	8	7	4	24	17	23
West Ham U.	19	9	4	6	19	21	22
Barnsley	19	9	3	7	40	21	21
Bury	19	9	3	7	26	23	21
Fulham	19	8	4	7	26	25	20
Port Vale	18	7	4	7	27	23	18
South Shields	19	7	4	8	16	10	18
Rotherham Co.	19	6	3	10	19	35	15
Wolverhampton	19	5	4	10	23	34	14
Clapton O.	20	6	2	12	20	31	14
Nottingham F.	19	4	6	9	18	30	14
Leicester C.	19	4	5	10	16	35	13
Grimsby Town	19	4	2	13	14	39	10
Lincoln City	19	3	4	12	15	50	10
Coventry City	19	0	5	14	4	39	5

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts
Portsmouth	20	13	4	3	40	14	30
Watford	19	12	3	4	31	15	27
Reading	20	8	9	3	26	13	25
Crystal Palace	19	8	8	3	32	19	24
Queen's P. R'gers	19	10	4	5	31	19	24
Cardiff City	18	7	8	3	31	20	22
Brentford	19	7	7	5	22	20	21
Swindon	20	8	5	7	34	32	21
Plymouth Argyle	19	7	6	6	23	14	20
Norwich City	17	8	4	5	33	23	20
Swansea	20	6	7	7	22	21	19
Exeter City	18	6	7	5	20	18	19
Millwall	19	7	4	8	28	30	18
Southend	18	5	8	5	23	26	18
Merthyr Town	20	5	7	8	24	29	17
Bristol Rovers	18	5	6	7	27	33	16
Southampton	20	6	4	10	27	36	16
Luton Town	18	5	4	9	21	32	14
Brighton	20	4	5	11	18	28	13
Newport County	19	5	3	11	18	34	13
Northampton	19	3	6	10	32	48	12
Gillingham	19	3	3	13	9	41	9

METHODIST CHURCH.

EPISCOPALIANS GET INCREASE.

In consequence of the high cost of living, missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church in China have received a substantial increase of from $200 to $250 a year in respect of their annual remuneration, according to a cablegram received by the local office of the Church The increase took effect from January 1. It is regarded as a prelude to a general missionary reform of the slender family allowance hitherto granted. That the M. E. Church, North, has been the first to take the step is explained by that Church's success in the recent American Centenary campaign.

Both the M. E. Church, North, and the M. E. Church, South, it is understood, were beneficiaries of that effort. The amount subscribed for all missions was a little less than $120,000,000; that for the South, $55,000,000. It is expected to be but a short time before the M. E. Church, South, readjusts salaries in China to provide for the increasing cost of living.

According to the cablegram, the yearly meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Board, held recently, made the first appropriation of the Centenary funds. It voted $4,600,000 for all its mission fields, an amount that doubles the budget of last year. China is one of seven major mission districts. They are listed, South America, Africa, Europe, Japan, Korea, China, Malaysia. Precisely how much was assigned to China is not disclosed.

The $400,600,000 is not however, the absolute limit placed upon expenditures for the year 1920 The amount may be doubled, according to the vote of the Board, if the receipts of the money pledged warrant. The total amount subscribed was for a five-year period. Enough has already been paid in to justify the first figure and it is regarded as more than probable that the larger amount will be made available for this year.

The tabulation of living costs in China and the amount of increase necessary had not been completed by the Methodist officers when the announcement was received It had been expected that this month the suggested figure for an increase would be sent. The prompt action of the home Board has apparently made that step unnecessary as the increase is said to be fully as much as would have been asked.

LAST NIGHT'S BILLIARD MATCH.

WON BY PITT'S CRAFT.

"Tom" Pitt beat Lieut. Golding last night at Oxberry's, 500—292. This will surprise many who foretold the ex-champion's defeat, believing that he can no longer play high-class billiards. This is largely true. Pitt is off his game, measured by his own old form. But he still has ring craft. He "rattled" his younger opponent last night by potting the white frequently, and leaving both balls in balk.

At the last, when leading by 200, and wanting only two to win, he refused an easy pot of the white and played an all-round cannon, the old humbug remarking audibly, "I don't play dirty." That made a great hit, even Lieut. Golding smiling.

The game had no big breaks. Pitt's longest run was 34, Golding's 23.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th February, 1920, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st Dec., 1919.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th February to the 21st February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 3, 1920.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED.

WANTED—A EUROPEAN LADY to teach a Chinese family at their house in Robinson Road, 2 hours every week day, afternoon. State salary expected. Apply W.T.Y.P. P. O. Box 100. c/o "China Mail."

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Hongkong, February 13, 1920.

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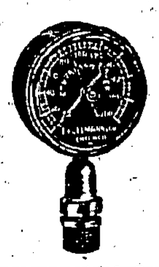

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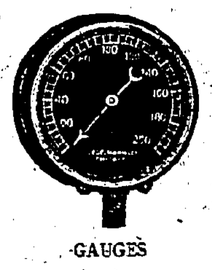

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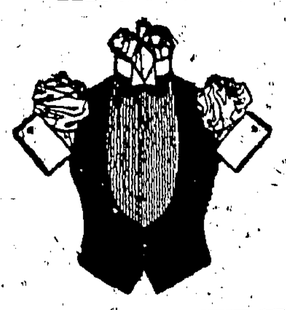

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[By "THE TRAMP."]

The new Volunteer Ordinance just introduced in the Legislative Council has been discussed in more than one male circle for mutual improvement. Generally I think opinion favours the measure especially in so far as joining has been left purely a matter of personal inclination, but naturally there are certain points in it that require a little more explanation. Some prospective volunteers have expressed disagreement with the clause calling for three years' service and are inclined to look upon it, in conjunction with the penalty that is imposed for resignation, as something in the light of a magisterial sentence of "three years, with the option of a fine." The introduction into the Bill of this clause seems, to rob it of some of the "voluntary" spirit it was hoped would be emphasised. Of course a man may join or not, just as he pleases, but it would certainly be hard if any were kept out because they did not feel justified in binding themselves down for such a lengthy period. A volunteer would doubtless like to feel himself more of a free agent in the matter. He joins voluntarily and would like the same consideration to hold when the time comes for his resignation to be considered.

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On the other hand is the undoubted desire of the authorities to get together a body of well trained men, which can be relied upon in an emergency and it is well known this object would never be achieved with a constant chopping and changing about. They naturally feel that some sort of a hold is necessary. If that was in the minds of the framers of the Ordinance I think they rather overlooked the point that the men who respond to the call will be those who are really keen on volunteering work. Those who are "fed up" after their war time experiences in the Defence Corps will naturally drop out. Their equipment will be handed in and their "military career" finished, but the members of the new corps will be, and I hope experience will prove it, men who will serve in the Corps as long as they are able to do so without the authorities trying to bind them to a definite period. A man will naturally know his own business best and if he thinks it desirable that he should retire then he should be allowed to do so without more ado.

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As for the sum to be paid on retirement (if the excuse is not thought to be good enough), or upon dismissal, there has been some mild sarcasm. To the argument that it is for the cost of their equipment there is the reply that officers are allowed a sum not exceeding $200 for their gear. Who is to pay that. Naturally the taxpayer. If he can pay for the officer, he can pay for the man. If anyone should buy clothes it should be the officer, for his is certainly the smarter equipment and besides he gets all those cumshaw salutes which are surely worth something. In the case of an officer failing to become proficient within a year or resigning within two years he has to refund the whole or part of this allowance, but there is nothing in the Ordinance which says he shall pay any of his own money for the privilege of throwing his hand in.

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However these points may be overlooked in comparison with the idea that the thing is voluntary and no attempt has been made to sneak in with conscription. That at any rate is something to be thankful for. I am glad to see that a machine gun company is to be included in the new corps. This formed part of the old Volunteer Corps and its members had much interesting work. If some of the latest guns can be obtained for their use the machine gunners should come in for a good time. Old gunners may remember the time they let rip over a general's head but that is altogether another story. I wonder if khaki kilts will fetch the Scotties.

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'Flu, like the high dollar, is still with us and there seems but little likelihood of either going down for a bit. There is apparently no scare with regard to the former and the injunctions from our worthy M.O.H. to keep out of crowds were certainly overlooked at the Engineers' Ball. The floors were quite crowded enough and this in spite of pamphlets and serious warnings in the newspapers. In addition to this the weird appearance of the crews of the Japanese warships who came ashore wearing protective masks, far from causing anxiety and the remark of "There! you see how bad it's getting," simply occasioned a little merriment. It's good to laugh these days.

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H.E. the Governor got serious at the Victoria British School speech day, after giving the assembly due warning of the fact. He then went on to urge parents to keep their children at school as long as possible. His remarks seemed to indicate that the reasons which exist at Home for removing a boy from school in order that he may contribute his quota towards the upkeep of the home are not present here. In many cases perhaps they don't apply, but I think there are many homes in which the small wage a boy leaving school can earn is a welcome addition to the family exchequer. It may be admitted at once that to take a boy away from school too early does not give him a fair chance in life against his more fortunate brethren, but in these days of high prices and still higher rents—well, there is an old tag about the devil driving.

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Those whose duty it is to frame our laws and generally see after our welfare had quite a busy time last week and succeeded in making a bit of a commotion about the military establishments. It's no good saying it's a crying shame that the military should sit tight on some of the best sites in the middle of the city. That's been said before and will be said many a time again before they evacuate their present position. If the people of the Colony could have a vote on the matter it's pretty certain that the military would get their marching orders and would have to hand over that desirable piece of land running from Queen's Road up to Kennedy Road. But supposing we got it, who's going to build? It's too much to expect the Government to do so, because Fanling may soon require another top dressing or a new road will have to be cut somewhere. At any rate the matter is to go Home, so we can sleep for three years and then wake up and see what has been done in the matter. I am open to bet that the matter will by then have received consideration.

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THE WAR ON BOLSHEVISM.

LONDON, January 29th.

A Bolshevist *communiqué* from the Caucasus Front claims that their cavalry forced the river Manytch and completely defeated the enemy south of Yefremoff, taking over 5,000 prisoners.

RUGBY.

LONDON, January 31st.

In the International Rugby match at Twickenham, England beat France by 8 points to 3.

ATTACK ON MR. HOOVER.

WASHINGTON, January 28th.

Mr. Hoover, who is being widely urged to accept nomination for the Presidency, was attacked in the Senate by Senator Reed, who charged Mr. Hoover with having been "a denizen and a resident of Great Britain," and said that Mr. Hoover's training and sympathies fitted him as President to co-operate with a "British League of Nations."

PUNISHMENT OF WAR CRIMINALS.

LONDON, January 29th.

The *Daily Mail* states that the German Government has informed the British *Chargé d'Affaires* in Berlin that it cannot arrest and hand over the war criminals within a month as demanded by the Peace Treaty.

ITALY.

ROME, January 29th.

The Italian railway strike is ended.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

LONDON, January 30th.

Mr. Churchill, replying to a deputation of representatives of the County Associations, stated that the total war establishment of the Territorial Army will be 346,000, but it is proposed firstly to recruit only up to 60 per cent. of the minimum indispensable to the effective training of recruits.

Mr. Churchill said that the Army will be divided into two branches, namely, the Regular Army and the Territorial Army. Both will be complete and self-contained. The Territorials will enlist on a voluntary system for three years in the case of trained men and four years in the case of others. The training will be the same as before the war with additional facilities for courses of instruction.

The commanders will be chosen from among those who commanded a battalion in the field with distinction, for the purpose of the Territorial Army will be Imperial defence, including our responsibility to defend France and Belgium, if wrongfully attacked. It will be ready in a supreme emergency to defend against aggression whether the Rhine or India.

TO HELP EX-OFFICERS.

LONDON, January 30th.

The Officers' Association, which has for its object the bettering of the lot of ex-officers, was formally inaugurated at Mansion House under the joint presidency of Earl Haig, Earl Beatty and General Sir Hugh Trenchard.

Earl Haig said there were 20,000 ex-officers unemployed and 33,000 disabled with an average pension only of £70 per annum. He appealed for £500,000 to assist the work of the association.

UKRANIANS TAKE ODESSA.

VIENNA, January 31st.

The Ukrainians have captured Odessa after heavy fighting. A mixed committee is administering the city.

"POWHATAN" PASSENGERS.

WASHINGTON, January 22nd.

A New York telegram says that the Shipping Board offers a reward of £32,000 to any vessel bringing the disabled liner *Powhatan* into port.

It is reported that two American tugs succeeded in getting lines aboard the *Powhatan* and towing her to Halifax.

The *Powhatan*, whose crew of two hundred, is still aboard, has been adrift since January 18th, in stormy seas. Seven big Atlantic ships and several Navy vessels have taken turns in trying to rescue people from her or get tow-lines aboard.

HALIFAX, January 27th.

The *Powhatan* has been towed in. All is well.

BOMBAY LABOUR TROUBLES.

BOMBAY, January 22nd.

The situation in the cotton mill strike is unchanged. There have been only minor disturbances, and some looting took place.

The Labour Settlement Committee states that the Governor is endeavouring to arrange a reasonable settlement.

TO CHECK DEPRECIATION OF FRANC.

PARIS, January 30th.

The Government has decided on radical measures in order to improve the financial situation, including the application of an important portion of the new loan to the withdrawal of paper money now circulating. Furthermore, there are to be large increases in taxation in order to balance the Budget, and, if it is absolutely essential, drastic restrictions on the importations of luxuries to check further depreciation of the franc will be enforced.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)

ADMIRAL KOLTCHAK'S FATE.

LONDON, January 29th.

The *Times'* correspondent at Harbin says it is established that the French General Janin, sent from France in 1918 and who was placed by Admiral Koltchak in command of all the troops west of Irkutsk, has authorised the surrender of Admiral Koltchak by Czecho-Slovaks to the Social Revolutionaries.

This news caused a sensation. Janin was challenged to a duel by a General. Some of General Semenoff's officers have formed a league to have his blood.

The Czechs claim that the choice lay between the surrender of one man and complete annihilation of the Czech forces.

Local Bolsheviks have occupied Nikolsk where 500 Japanese and 1,000 Chinese at Blagoveshchensk are also in the hands of the revolutionaries.

LONDON, January 29th.

The French Government has telegraphically instructed the Allied High Commissioner in Siberia to endeavour to obtain Admiral Koltchak's release.

WHOLE SIBERIA BECOMING BOLSHEVIK.

LONDON, January 30th.

The *Times* Harbin correspondent in a message of January 24th says: The Czechs, totalling about 15,000 and spread out on the railway from Irkutsk westward for 400 miles, are in the most precarious position owing to the whole country being Bolshevist, while the railway line, though under the Czechs' control, is damaged in innumerable places, and workmen are refusing to do the necessary repairs.

The Bolshevist headquarters at Tomsk offered the Czechs repatriation across Russia on condition that they surrendered Koltchak with the gold treasure and military supplies.

The Czechs handed over Koltchak, but hold the gold which the Bolsheviks have sworn never to let pass east of Baikal.

The Polish Division, numbering 5,000, mutinied, murdered the officers and went over to the Bolsheviks, while Semenoff's force has been reduced by desertion to 2,000 Cossacks. Large numbers of his Austro-German soldiers have also joined the Bolsheviks, who are, everywhere, getting the upper hand, and practically the whole population of Siberia is ready to accept Bolshevism.

TROOPS GO OVER TO BOLSHEVIKS.

LONDON, January 30th.

The *Times'* Harbin correspondent telegraphs under date January 28th: The Japanese and Bolshevist commanders met at Nikolsk, and arranged that the former control the railway station, and the latter the workshops of the town.

After a brief fight on January 26th the majority of the Government troops went over to the Bolsheviks. The remnant is retiring on the Manchurian border.

END OF SEMENOFF'S TROOPS.

LONDON, January 31st.

A Bolshevist wireless states that the Czechs are disarming Semenoff's troops.

NEW YORK JOURNALISM.

NEW YORK, January 26th.

Mr. Frank Munsey, the purchaser of the papers belonging to the late Mr. J. Gordon Bennett, announces that the *New York Evening Telegram* will continue as an independent publication, and the Paris Edition of the *New York Herald* will not be affected by merging the *New York Sun* with the *New York Herald*.

TRAIN COLLISION IN CANADA.

MONTREAL, Jan. 27.

Eight were killed and many injured in a collision near North Bay, Ontario, between two sections of the Canadian Pacific Express bound to Vancouver.

NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

PARIS, Jan. 30.

The Chamber after debating the general policy passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 510 votes to 76.

BOLSHEVIST AMBASSADOR TO AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.

Mr. Martens, the so-called Bolshevist Ambassador to the United States, informed the Senate Committee which is investigating the question of Russian foreign propaganda that the Soviet organisations have become "strong enough to fight the world." Therefore the Soviet had ceased to urge an international revolution. He declared the Soviet Treasury is possessed of about $500,000,000 with which it now desired to purchase necessities abroad. Mr. Martens displayed a list of about a thousand names of American business houses which he said were ready to do business with him.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)

TANGANYIKA TERRITORY.

LONDON, Jan. 30.

The Colonial Office announces that it has been decided that German East Africa shall provisionally be renamed the Tanganyika Territory.

ROYAL VISIT TO AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, Jan. 31.

Premier Hughes has announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales arrives in Australia in the third week of May.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL HALL.

Preparations are now being made in the Cathedral compound to build a hall, where Sunday school classes, meetings, entertainments, choir practices, etc., can be held.

The want of such a hall has long been felt. For the erection and furnishing at least $40,000 are required. Sub-joined will be found a list of donations received up to date.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Cathedral is Mr. George Hogg, of the International Banking Corporation, who will be glad to receive any sums large or small for this fund.

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Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	1,000.00
Messrs. Robertson, Wilson & Co.	25.00
The Dairy Farm Co.	500.00
Anonymous	20,000.00
Capt. and Mrs. B. Branch, 3rd instalment	10.00
Mr. T. F. Hough	100.00
Messrs. Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co.	100.00
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.	1,000.00
Messrs. Bradley & Co., Ltd.	500.00
Messrs. Alex. Ross & Co.	250.00
Mrs. Basil Taylour	25.00
Peak Tramways Co., Ltd.	100.00
Messrs. Butterfield & Swire	1,000.00
Total	$34,035.55

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Will always try to pull my leg,
And treat me like a rotten egg!
My Better Half.

Why is it that I'm getting thin!
My cheeks have nearly fallen in!
Why am I only bone and skin?
Dear *Better Half.*

Nearly drunk was I last night:
And now, because I can't do right,
Who is it haunts my muddled sight?
My Better Half.

Oh! is it true, my Dearling Pet,
Or just a yarn of someone "wet"!
'Tis rumoured you're a Suffragette!!!
Sweet *Better Half.*

I can't believe such is the case:
Though doubts with me must have a place;
I doubt you when I see your face!
My Better Half.

—WILLIAM HILL.

NOTICES.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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PROMPT LIQUIDATION OF WAR CONTRACTS.

The *Daily Chronicle* says: It is noted with approval by the Committee on Public Accounts that owing to the prompt action taken by the Ministry of Munitions at the armistice to liquidate contracts, by March 31 this year, 99.9 per cent. of the production had ceased at a saving roughly of £60,000,000.

In the case of a contract for the supply of rifle components, the committee regard its terms as "unsatisfactory." Though the capital expenditure was nearly all provided from public funds, profits—£50,000 on a turnover of something like £300,000—was irrespective of successful output.

"UNBUSINESSLIKE."

This was due to an understanding with the firm that whatever the result of the contract the plant and building provided by money lent by the Ministry should remain the property of the firm.

The Committee "do not consider this a business-like arrangement." Having regard, however, to the necessities of the times and the fact that it took the same shape as other arrangements entered into about that date, no further action, says the report, is now possible.

A good deal was heard in previous reports of the nitro cellulose powder factory, and its history is now concluded.

CLOSED DOWN.

As soon as America came into the war the need of the factory no longer existed, and all work was closed down. The total loss was about £750,000 on a scheme which, if completed, would have cost not less than £6,500,000, and probably much more.

Most of the expenditure was on the lay-out of the site, and its subsequent restoration. Contract commitments for £3,000,000 were got rid of for £75,000 compensation, no profits being given to contractors in respect of cancelled items.

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BANKS.	
Sterling Exchange 5/5 T. T.	
Hongkong Banks, ...	$550 s.
MARINE INSURANCES.	
Canton Ins.	$390 b.
North China Ins. ...	$160 n.
Union Ins.	$180 s.
Yangtsze Ins.	$260 n.
Far Easterns	T. 22 n.
FIRE INSURANCES.	
China Fire Ins.	$138 n.
Hongkong Fire Ins. ...	$ 310 s.
SHIPPING.	
Douglases	$89 s.
H.K. Steamboats ...	$204 b. 22 s.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	$20 n.
Do. (Def.)	210 n.
Shell Transports	$270 s.
Star Ferries	$ 28 s.
REFINERIES.	
China Sugars	$201 sa.
Malabon Sugars	$47 s.
MINING.	
Kailan Mining Adm. ...	140/- s.
Langkats ... ... } Shanghai Loans ... } S'hai Explorations ... }	T. 14 n.
Raubs	$1 n.
Tronoh Mines	42 6 n.
Ural Caspians	20/- n.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.	
H. & K. Wharfs	$87 b.
H. & W. Docks ...	$145 b. 150 s.
S'hai Docks	$110 n.
New Engineerings ...	$ 23 b.
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.	
Central Estates	$109 s.
Hongkong Hotels	$112 b.
Hongkong Lands	$109½ n.
Humphreys	$7½ n.
Kowloon Lands	$53 n.
Land Reclamations ...	$133 n.
West Points	$58 n.
COTTON MILLS.	
Ewo Cottons	$460 b.
Kung Yiks	$46 b.
Laou Kung Mows	$300 n.
Orientals	$290 n.
Shanghai Cottons	$315 b.
Yangtszepoos	$34 b.
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Cements	$6½ n.
China-Borneos	$17 b.
China Lights Old $7½ sa. & New	$5 b.
China-Providents ...	$7.70 b.
Dairy Farms, ...	$20 b. 22 s.
H.K. Electrics	$87 n.
Macao Ho.	$34 n.
Hongkong Ropes	$ 27 s.
H.K. Tramways	$7½ s.
Peak Tramways (Old)	$7 s.
do. (New) ...	$ .80 n.
Steam Laundries	$3½ b.
H.K. Steel Foundry	$10 n.
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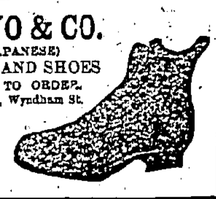

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Credits, 4 months' sight, ...	1310
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Credits, 60 days' sight, ...	99½
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Wire, ...	201½ n.
On demand, ...	——
On Calcutta—	
Wire, ...	201½ n.
On demand	——
On Singapore—	
On demand, ...	233½
On Manila—	
On demand, ...	198
On Shanghai—	
On demand	ncm.
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On Yokohama—	
On demand, ...	198½
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	33
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DONG TOY,
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Hongkong, January 3, 1920.

NOTICE.

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7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m.	Every 15 minutes
8.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.	Every 10 minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	Every 15 minutes
11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	Every 15 minutes
12.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.	Every 10 minutes.
2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes
5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.	Every 10 minutes.

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SATURDAYS.
EXTRA CAR- 12 midnight.

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7.30 a.m.	
8.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.	Every 15 minutes
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	Every 10 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12 noon	Every 15 minutes.
12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m.	Every 10 minutes
1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.	Every 15 minutes
5.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.	Every 10 minutes.
8.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.	Every 15 minutes
8.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.	Every 10 minutes.

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Capital Subscribed...	Yen 60,000,000.
Capital (Paid-up) ... "	37,500,000.
Reserve Funds ..... "	7,020,000.

HEAD OFFICE:
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SEIZO KONDOH,
Manager.

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THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ...	£2,000,000
RESERVE FUND ...	£2,900,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS ...	£2,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.

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J. L. CROCKATT
Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1920.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 8 Queen's Road Central.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ... ... $3,000,000.

DIRECTORS:
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Mr. Chan Ching Shek, Mr. Ng Chung Lak.

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Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities.

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For 3 months at the rate of 3% per annum.
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KAN TONG PO
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 12, 1919.

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(FRENCH BANK)

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Capital	Frs 48,000,000
Reserves.....	50,000,000

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BATTAMBANG	MONGTZE	SHANGHAI
CANTON	NOUMEA	SINGAPORE
DJIBOUTI	PAKHOIE	TIENTSIN
HAIPHONG	PEKING	TOURANE
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L. BERINDOAGUE,
Manager

Hongkong, Dec. 1 1919

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LTD.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL	Yen 100,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL.....	" 61,000,000
RESERVE FUND	" 28,000,000

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HOKSIEN	SHIMONOSEKI
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LEEPEI	TIENTSIN
LOS ANGELES	TOKYO
LYONS	TSINANFU
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NAGASAKI	TSINGTAU

Interest allowed on Current Accounts. Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

G. HASHIDZUME,
Manager.

Hongkong, December 8, 1919.

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(WHICH ARE VERSED THE SHARES OF)
THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.
AND
THE RAILWAY PASSENGERS ASSURANCE CO.

TOTAL FUNDS at 31st December, 1918 $23,970,367.

I—Authorized Capital $6,000,000
Subscribed Capital $4,500,000.
Paid-up Capital ..... $2,457,[illegible]
II—Fire Funds..... 3,827,[illegible]
III—Life & Annuity Funds ... 17,567,[illegible]
Sinking Fund Account ... 128,[illegible]
$23,970,367

Revenue Fire Branch..... $2,261,[illegible]
" Life and Annuity Branches ... 2,141,[illegible]
Revenue Marine Department ... 227,[illegible]
Other Revenue ... 478,[illegible]
$5,108,[illegible]

The Accumulative Funds of the various Branches are separately invested, and by Act of Parliament are not liable to meet the liabilities under the respective Departments of the Company's Business.

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6000 MILE
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QUALITY in a tire is not appreciated until it asserts itself through long continued trouble-free performance.

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Clincher.		
30" × 3½"	30.00	4.00
31" × 4"	47.50	5.50
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32" × 3½"	38.00	4.50
33" × 4"	52.50	6.00

Less discount:—2 days 2½%, 30 days Net.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)

PEACE TREATY COMPROMISE.

WASHINGTON, January 30th.

Mr. Taft, in a reservation, declares that the United States declines to assume any obligations to preserve the territorial integrity of any other country under the provisions of Article X., or to employ the forces of the United States for any purpose; but the Congress will consider and decide what moral obligation should move the United States in the interest of world-peace and justice to take action.

WASHINGTON, January 30th.

The Interparty Senatorial Conference, which assembled with the object of reaching a compromise on the Peace Treaty, broke up without having arrived at any decision after Senator Lodge refused to accept the reservation proposed by Mr. Taft in respect to Article X.

Mr. Hitchcock announced his intention to give notice to the Senate that he will move that the Treaty be taken up on the floor of the House on February 10th.

WASHINGTON, January 27th.

Owing to Senator Hitchcock threatening to introduce the motion in the Senate to take up the Treaty the Democrats have agreed upon another inter-party meeting on January 29th.

SINN FEIN FLAG HOISTED.

LONDON, January 28th.

The Sinn Feinn Flag was hoisted for the first time on the Dublin City Hall on the occasion of the election of Mr. Tom Kelly, a Sinn Feiner now in prison, as Lord Mayor. Cork and Waterford have also elected Sinn Fein Lord Mayors, and hoisted Republican flags on the City Halls.

LONDON, January 31st.

The military have arrested seventeen prominent Sinn Feiners in Dublin, mostly members of the new Corporation.

This is apparently a sequel to the defiant flying of the Sinn Fein Flag over the City Hall.

JUGO-SLAVIAN DIFFICULTIES.

LONDON, January 29th.

The Yugo-Slav reply to the Allies' ultimatum says that it cannot understand how the Treaty of London, to which Yugo-Slavia is not a party, and which was never communicated to it, could be applied to Jugo-Slavia failing immediate acceptance of the Allies' proposals.

The Yugo-Slav Government cannot accept the proposals entirely, and asks permission to submit the modifications necessary to assure peace in the Adriatic.

It points out that the proposals do not guarantee Italian evacuation of Fiume and Zara when these are created independent States.

It concludes by expressing its willingness to settle the difficulties in a conciliatory spirit.

DISASTROUS COLLISION IN CANADA.

MONTREAL, January 27th.

Eight were killed and many injured in a collision near North Bay, Ontario, between two sections of the Canadian Pacific Express on their way to Vancouver.

EDUCATION IN AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, January 26th.

The Senate has passed the Kenyon Americanisation Bill, requiring all residents in the United States between the ages of 16 and 21, if physically and mentally competent and all aliens between 16 and 45 unable to speak English, to attend school not less than 200 hours per annum.

THE BRITISH CABINET.

LONDON, January 27th.

The *Daily Express* states that Mr. G. N. Barnes, Labour Member of the Cabinet (without a portfolio), has placed his resignation in the Premier's hands. The resignation is not taking immediate effect.

COLONIAL VETERINARY STAFFS.

LONDON, January 29th.

The Colonial Secretary has appointed a Committee to consider whether the staffs of the Veterinary Departments of the various Colonies and Protectorates are adequate, and, if necessary, to recommend increases of staff and improved salaries, also to recommend regarding the improvement of arrangements for the recruiting of such veterinary staffs.

The Chairman of the Committee is Sir Herbert Read, and the members are Sir J. McFadyean, Sir Stewart Stockman (President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons), Professors J. Share Jones, and O. C. Bradley and Major R. D. Furse.

JUDENITCH ARRESTED.

STOCKHOLM, January 30th.

It is reported that General Judenitch, who was contemplating leaving Esthonia with a large sum of money belonging to the North West Army, has been arrested.

LONDON, January 31st.

General Judenitch was released by Esthonians whilst being conveyed secretly to Dorpat.

POLAND AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, January 30th.

A Moscow wireless message says that the Soviet Government has sent a Note to Poland declaring that Extreme elements among the Entente are endeavouring to incite Poland to an unjust, senseless and criminal war against Russia. It urges that there are no questions which cannot be solved by negotiations, concessions or mutual agreements.

RUMANIA.

LONDON, January 29th.

Dr. Vaidavoevod, the Rumanian Premier, interviewed by Reuter in London, referred to Rumania's desire to remain in closest contact with the Allies.

He said, regarding the dangers of Bolshevism: "To my knowledge, the Bolshevists are preparing a campaign for the spring with a well-organised army trained by German officers." He said that Rumania would be very watchful and take all defence measures.

He had communicated with the Supreme Council as regards the Allies' establishing a sanitary cordon from the Baltic to the Black Sea to prevent the spread of disease.

FIRE ENQUIRY.

Before Mr. N. L. Smith at the Magistracy this afternoon, was held an enquiry into the circumstances attending the fire which broke out in the four-storeyed building, No. 99 Connaught Road, West, occupied by the Yue Fat Loong rice firm.

The enquiry was held on the application of the Insurance Companies, which were represented by Mr. D. J. Lewis.

Mr. A. B. Crew watched the proceedings in the interests of the Yue Loong firm.

His Worship said he was only concerned as to the circumstances of the fire, not as to the quantity of rice on the premises.

Mr. Crew said his Worship was only concerned as to whether or not it was a *bona fide* fire.

Mr. Lewis said his Worship had power to hold an enquiry whenever he thought it necessary. The enquiry was not only to cover the circumstances attending the outbreak of the fire, but all the facts surrounding it.

The property contained in the building was covered by six different Insurance Companies to the extent of $39,000.

The first witness called was Ma Tau, who said he was the master of the firm. The firm occupied the whole building. Three *fokis* slept regularly on the ground floor. These were warned to take the usual precautions against fire. Rice was stored on every floor of the building. The front part of the 3rd floor was used as an office and the back part was used for storing rice. *Fokis* of the firm slept on every floor. The building was electrically lighted. He could not say if oil lamps were burned on the premises. He went to the shop only when he was sent for.

By Mr. Lewis:—Witness was also a partner in the Ying Fook rice firm. He was the largest shareholder of the Yue Fat Loong firm. There were altogether 39 shareholders. Leng Kwan Chi was the next biggest shareholder.

The enquiry is still going on.

DEPARTURES.

The s.s. TUNGSHING, (Capt. Perkins), sailed for Saigon Via Swatow at 6 a.m. to-day.

The s.s. PRODUCE, (Capt. Winsnes), sailed for Wuhu at 5 a.m. to-day.

The s.s. DILWARA, (Capt. Babb), sailed for Shanghai at 6 a.m. to-day with through general cargo.

The s.s. TOYOSAKI MARU, (Capt. Hirakasa), sailed for Kobe at 6 a.m. with 400 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. LIANGCHOW (Capt. Hooker) sailed for Bangkok via Swatow at 11.30 a.m. to-day with 300 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. WEST CAJOOT, (Capt. Winkel) sailed for Cuba via Honolulu at 10 p.m. to-day with 7,080 tons rice.

ARRIVALS.

February 3.

The s.s. TJIKINI, Dutch 2,888 tons, from Java Capt. G. R. Bergs, J.C.J.L. B12.

The s.s. HSIN CHANG, Chi., 1,258 tons from Shanghai and Amoy Capt. C. Shepherd, C.M.S.N. Co., C43.

The s.s. PHRANANG, Brit., 1,022 tons, from Haiphong Capt. R. F. Heaney, Chow Yue Ting B10.

The s.s. SIAM MARU, Jap., 2,822 tons, from Kobe Capt. Imadsuri, O.S.K. K Wharf.

The s.s. TEIKAI MARU, Jap., 724 tons, from Keelung Capt. Kowabata, O.S.K. West Point.

CLEARANCES.

February, 3.

The s.s. SUWA MARU, (Jap) cleared to day and will sail for Seattle via Shanghai at 11 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. CHOFU MARU, (Jap.) cleared to-day and will sail for Keelung at 8 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. LOKSANG, (Brit.), cleared to-day and will sail for Haiphong via Hoihow at 8.30 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. CHAKSANG, (Brit.), cleared to day and will sail for Kobe via Moji at 7 a.m. to-morrow.

DEPARTURES.

The s.s. HSIN CHANG, (Chinese), Capt. C. Shephard Agents Chinese Merchants S.N. Co., left for Canton to-day.

The s.s. WEST CAJOOT, (Amer), Capt. Winkell Agents Struthe and Dixon Inc. left for Cuba Via Honolulu to-day.

The s.s. PAK WO, (Chinese), Capt. Dahl Agents Kwong Hing Co., left for Shanghai to-day.

The s.s. KNIGHT OF THE GARTER, (Brit.), Capt. Stephens, Agents Butterfield & Swire left for Yokohama via Shanghai to-day.

The s.s BENLOMOND, (Brit.), Capt. Webster, Agents G. L. & Co., left for Yokohama via Shanghai to-day.

The s.s. SHINFOO, (Chinese) (Capt. Hassel. Agents San Peh S.N. left for Foochow to-day.

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REVOLUTION IN CINEMA WORK.

An exhibition has been given of the latest development in the use of the cinematograph. To some people an objection to moving pictures is that they have to be shown in the dark. The Moving Picture Exhibition of British Industries, Ltd., a company which is engaged in propaganda overseas in connection with manufactures in England, have secured a screen which is non-inflammable, and can be rolled up like a window-blind for easy carriage, and enables pictures to be exhibited quite clearly in sunlight or under strong artificial light. The Central Club Hall, Clerkenwell Road, was selected for the test, because it has large skylights and strong electrics. One film was a reproduction of a day's work in the *Glasgow Herald* offices, both in Scotland and in London; another a display by a Sheffield cutlery firm; a third a coloured Pathé; and all were sharply defined and did not entail strain to the eye. The intention is to take these and other trade films to France, Spain, Portugal, and South America. The descriptions are in four languages. The daylight screen will enable them to be exhibited in any sort of building at any hour of the day. The screen is a revolution in cinema work.

HOCKEY.

Following will represent the Club against the Army at Happy Valley on Wednesday 4th instant at 5 p.m.:—J. P. Jones, C. C. Hickling, M. L. Railton, E. J. R. Mitchell, Rev. R. Martin, W. W. Mackenzie, R. A. Brand, F. L. Sim, A. K. Mackenzie, J. V. Braga and B. D. Evans (capt).

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Saidsuoka Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 29th Jan. and is expected here to-day.

The C.P.O.S. Co.'s R.M.S. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Nagasaki on 1st Feb., a.m. left there 1st Feb. p.m. due at Kobe on 3rd Feb.

The P. & O. S. N. s.s. *Dilwara* left Singapore for this port on the 28th instant at noon and is due here on the 3rd prox. at about 8 a.m.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Totomi Maru* (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port direct on the 16th Jan. and is expected here on the 4th Feb.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Shimpo Maru* (Calcutta Line) left Singapore for this port on the 23rd Jan. and is expected here on the 4th Feb.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Tenshin Maru* (Bombay Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji on the 28th Jan. and is expected here on the 4th Feb.

The Ben Line s.s. *Benlomond* from Middlesbro' and London left Singapore for this port on 27th instant and may be expected to arrive here on or about 4th proximo.

The P. & O.-B.I. & A.L. s.s. *Gregory Apcar* left Moji for this port on the 31st ultimo at a.m. and is due here on the 4th instant at about a.m.

The P. & O. S. N. Co. s.s. *Sangola* left Shanghai for this port on 31st ultimo 9.30 a.m. and is due here on the 4th instant at 6 a.m.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Itola* left Singapore for this Port on the 24th instant at 5 p.m. and is due here on the 5th proximo.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Shinyo Maru* (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port direct on the 18th Jan. and is expected here on the 6th Feb.

The Ben Line s.s. *Benlevi* from Middlesbro' London and Straits left Singapore for this port on 30th inst. and may be expected to arrive here on 7th Feb.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Kamo Maru* (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 31st Jan. and is expected here on the 9th Feb.

The C.P.O.S. Co's R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* arrived at Yokohama on 30th Jan. left there Jan. 31 and is due at Vancouver Feb. 9.

The P. & O.-B.I. & A.L. s.s. *Takada* left Singapore for this port on the 2nd instant and is due here on the 9th instant.

The C.P.O.S. Co's R.M.S. *Montcalm* arrived at Yokohama on Jan. 27 left there Jan. 28 and is due at Vancouver on Feb. 10.

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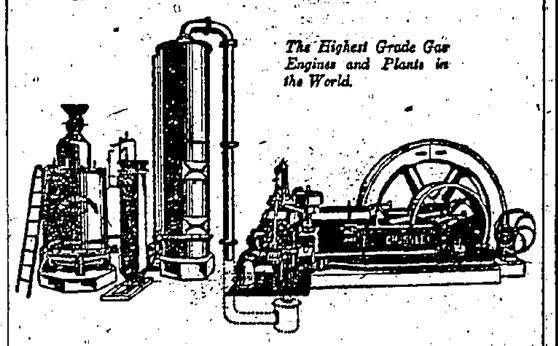

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POST OFFICE.

Telegraphic Communication with Gap Rock Lighthouse is interrupted.

The insured parcel post service to the province of Szechuen is suspended until further notice.

An agreement has been entered into between the Post Offices of China and Hongkong for an exchange of insured letters. The medium of insurance is the Franc Currency and the maximum amount for which a letter may be insured is 3000 francs.

A telegram has been received from the G.P.O. London stating that there are no restrictions on the importation of sugar by parcel post into the United Kingdom and that no parcels of sugar recently sent from Hongkong have been confiscated.

Attention is again directed to the necessity for more adequate packing of parcels addressed to United Kingdom. All parcels insured and ordinary, to and from United Kingdom are now forwarded in bags and very careful packing is necessary to ensure safe transmission.

A direct exchange of Money Orders with the Republic of China has come into operation since the 1st January 1920.

The Money Order Service with the Philippine Islands has been resumed since the 1st Jan., 1920.

The parcel post service to Cuba is suspended.

It is notified that all restrictions as to the use of wireless Telegraphy by Merchant Vessels on the China Station have been abolished.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

No unofficial letter addressed to Abadan, Ahwaz or Mohammorah in the Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in weight.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

INWARD MAILS.

TUESDAY, February 3.
Japan—Per TENSHIN MARU.
Japan—Per ST. ALBANS.

WEDNESDAY, February 4.
Bombay—Per TOTOMI MARU.
Shanghai—Per ICHANG.
Japan—Per GREGORY APCAR.
Shanghai—Per SANGOLA.
Straits—Per AMAZONE.

FRIDAY, February 6.
Bombay—Per SHINYO MARU.

SATURDAY, February 7.
Straits—Per BENLEVI.

MONDAY, February 9.
Japan & Shanghai—Per KAMO MARU.
Straits—PerT AKADA.

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The s.s. CYCLOPS, due here Feb. 3 from Europe and sails for Tsingtau and Japan, Feb. 4.

The s.s. PYRRHUS, due here Feb. 6 from Europe and sails for Shanghai Feb. 7.

The s.s. KNIGHT COMPANION, due here Feb. 17 from Europe and sails for Japan, Feb. 18.

The s.s. TITAN, due here Feb. 17 from Europe and sails for Tsingtau via Japan, Feb. 18.

The s.s. JASON, due here Feb. 24 from Europe and sails for Shanghai and Japan, Feb. 25.

The s.s. PELEUS, due here Mar. 4 from Europe and sails for Tsingtau, Shanghai and Japan, Mar. 5.

The s.s. LAYCAN, due here Mar. 8 from Europe and sails for Shanghai and Japan, Mar. 9.

The s.s. MENTOR, due here Mar. 15 from Europe and sails for Shanghai and Japan, Mar. 16.

The s.s. KEEMUN, due here Mar. 30 from Europe and sails for Tsingtau and Japan, Mar. 31.

The s.s. RHESUS, due here April 1 from Europe and sails for Shanghai and Japan, April 2.

The s.s. TELEMACHUS, due here April 5 from Europe and sails for Shanghai and Japan, April 6.

Students at Hongkong University were afforded an opportunity of hearing, at first hand, details of the Alcock—Brown flight across the Atlantic during a lecture delivered by Professor Brown.

BEWARE OF COLDS.

CHILDREN are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

OBITUARY.

MR. A. W. F. SPIERS.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Alfred William Percy Spiers, from pneumonia, following influenza. Mr. Spiers was connected with the firm of Messrs. Davis and Company and had only returned to the Colony two weeks ago.

The death took place at the Government Civil Hospital, at 11.30 p.m., yesterday. Mr. Spiers who had only recently returned from Home leave, by the s.s. "Persia Maru," became ill on January 24, three days after arrival here, and went to hospital on the 31st January, where he at first made great improvement. He took a turn for the worse yesterday morning. The late Mr. Spiers was very popular with a large circle of friends. He originally arrived here towards the end on 1912 to take up an appointment with the Hongkong Electric Company, with which concern he remained until the beginning of 1917 when he joined the firm of Messrs. Davis and Company, and was a member of the staff at the time of his death. He was only 33 years of age and was a native of Straffordshire. Much sympathy will be felt for his widow. He married in England only last August. Mrs. Spiers' mother is in Hongkong. The funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

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